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CE I WITH TRIANGULAR OBJECT FOLLOWED BY TRANSIENT CAR PROBLEMS AND ELECTRIC LIGHT PHENOMENA AT HOME

by Joe Nyman



Date of sighting: Wednesday, February 10, 1982
Time of sighting: 9:30 PM EST
Duration of sighting: 15 minutes
Place of sighting: Bakersfield, Vermont, USA
Evaluation: Unknown, CE I

Aubre Brogden, age 26, was driving home from St. Albans to Bakersfield. She was traveling east on route 36. About 3 miles from her home she sighted a bright light in the western sky moving slowly among the mountains. She thought at first it was an airplane in trouble and as it approached she flashed her headlights at it hoping to indicate route 36 as an emergency landing place. The light never resolved itself into a plane although it continued to move slowly toward her. She noticed that it seemed to carry a triangular white light and thought because it was moving so slowly it might perhaps be a balloon.

She continued home keeping an eye out for the light which seemed to be following her and to come ever closer. At the end of route 36 she noticed the light, low, through the trees, above the cemetery in front of her. Turning into her driveway now the light was in front of her "very low to the ground".

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Aubre continues, "I kept wondering what it was. I got out of my car and started walking towards it. It wasn't moving. I noticed the light was casting no shadows. I realized it wasn't a plane - not anything I'd ever seen before. I stopped in my tracks and was frightened when I realized there was not a sound coming from it. All I could hear was a little whoosh of wind. I was frightened and tried to move and called out to the girl inside my house. The object then moved towards me over the house and lifted. I could see the bottom of it. It appeared to be solid and had the outline of a triangle. It had white lights in rows across the bottom."

The following Friday, February 12th, Aubre was returning late from a party. She freely admitted she was a little drunk. It was 2:30 AM. At the same spot where she had initially seen the light two days before (three miles from home) her car suddenly stopped. Four times she restarted the car. Each time it moved a short distance and stopped for no apparent reason. Finally it started and continued properly. The next day, thinking of taking the car in for service, she started it again expecting the same symptoms. However, they did not repeat and had not repeated after at least two months.

Aubre was not home that weekend. She returned Monday night, Feb. 15th and noticed the cellar light on. Thinking she must have left it on by mistake when she left home Saturday, she turned it off. The other occupant of the house met her and told her that the electric appliances had been acting unusually that past weekend, turning on and off with no apparent agent. As they were talking the porch light went on by itself. Later that week the hall light blew out, the radio turned on by itself and the cellar light again turned on. These types of electric phenomena continued for the following 5 days, finally terminating with no return at least for the following two months.

Aubre called her father to inspect the house wiring as he had been the one to originally install it. He found nothing unusual. The mystery is unresolved.

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Couple says road blocked by UFO

Portland, Maine, Press Herald, Tuesday, December 1, 1981

MADISON (UPI) — A deputy sheriff and his wife, a town selectwoman, said Monday they saw an unidentified flying object hovering over Route 43 that beamed a light at them and forced them to take another road home.

Harold and Helen Hendsbee said they spotted the UFO while driving toward their home in Madison after having dinner Saturday in Farmington.

"When we approached the hill, the object itself hovered on top of a hill and it lit up the whole hill, so we sat there and watched it," said Mrs. Hendsbee. "I didn't see any object, I just saw a bright light. It was probably about a telephone pole high and it was just stationary in space."

Hendsbee said he waited a few moments, then tried to drive over the hill, located in Starks about 11 miles southwest of Madison.

"It advanced toward us, then stopped in midair. I then backed up 30-40 yards and then stopped," Hendsbee said.

He said he tried three times to pass.

"The second I started to go ahead the object came up again, shining the light right in my windshield. It was bright enough so I couldn't see in front of me," Hendsbee said.

"We had the feeling that it didn't want us to go up there," Mrs. Hendsbee said.

Hendsbee said that after 20 minutes, he turned around and drove home along Route 148.

Somerset County Sheriff William Wright said Hendsbee is "a very honest person" and that he believes the story "has a ring of truth about it."

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"I can't visualize him making up any story like that. You have to believe what he said he saw," Wright said. "He doesn't drink. Not a drop."

He also noted there have been other recent UFO sightings in the area.

"I'd like to see something like this myself because it's no longer a laughing matter. There's been too many of them," Wright said.

The Hendsbees said they also saw the object earlier in the evening above the same hill as they were driving toward Farmington, although not as clearly.

A car carrying three men and one woman was parked along the road and

Hendsbee stopped to see if they needed help.

"One of the guys told me, 'Don't go up over the hill, there is a UFO up there. If you do, you are going to witness something you won't want to see,'" Hendsbee said.

"And then they drove off and I could see they were terrified," he said.

None of the other four people said to have seen the UFO were available for comment Monday.

Sgt. Ken Constant of Loring Air Force Base in Limestone said no official investigations were under way "because the Air Force is no longer officially in the business of keeping track of UFO sightings."

CASE COMMENTS FOLLOW --

STARKS, MAINE, NOVEMBER 28, 1981: SOME COMMENTS.

by Joe Nyman

The Starks encounter, although not particularly spectacular, as UFO incidents go, has attracted nationwide attention. Among Maine newspapers, stories have appeared in the Portland Press Herald (Dec 1, 1981), Bangor Daily News (Dec 1, 1981), and Somerset Reporter (Dec 3, 1981). Nationally, the tabloid, Weekly World News (Feb 2, 1982), emphasized a supposedly related story in which a UFO (if not the same one) was the cause of a woman's death, in an area close to Starks.

The most authoritative article, by virtue of the on-site investigations of the article's author, appeared in the April, 1982, Yankee Magazine (Dublin, New Hampshire), under the by-line of free lance writer Mike Kimball. He was commissioned by the magazine to do the story.

Attempts by UFO investigators from around the country to get information by telephone, shortly after the newspaper accounts appeared, so disturbed the witnesses, Bud and Helen Hendsbee, that they finally refused to talk with anyone about their experience (a Florida caller even wanted to perform regressive hypnosis).

Here in Massachusetts, efforts by Ray Fowler to promote a local trip to the Starks area were unsuccessful. Ray finally settled on a Maine reporter's evaluation of events, determining from incomplete information that the Hendsbees had been "tricked" by that nemesis of UFO investigators, Venus (then prominent in the western sky).

So, the case was forgotten locally (Massachusetts) as "identified", until the appearance of Mike Kimball's article. Once again, the value of on-site investigation proved itself.

Early attempts by Maine area investigators to evaluate the newspaper reports were positive; the Hendsbees were willing to talk, initially.

Shirley Fickett, long time UFO researcher and recently appointed MUFON representative for Maine, was an early caller, having talked with Helen Hendsbee the morning the story broke. Later she spoke with Bud Hendsbee and formed a very positive opinion of his character. However, Shirley was not able to make the trip to Starks.

The ultimate evaluation of this case must rest on the investigation of writer Mike Kimball, who interviewed witnesses in person and investigated the story at the claim site.

Both he and Shirley Fickett reported that the weather in the Starks area was cloudy or overcast on the night of the supposed encounter. This would tend to reduce the possibility that an astronomical explanation is the correct one (although not ruling out things seen through breaks in the clouds).

Kimball, however, was able to eliminate Venus as an explanation in this case because the Hendsbee's encounter occurred while they were traveling EAST (emphasis mine). Venus was in the west that evening and may have been what Kenos Henry and his friends reported two hours earlier (they were not considered knowledgeable observers by Kimball).

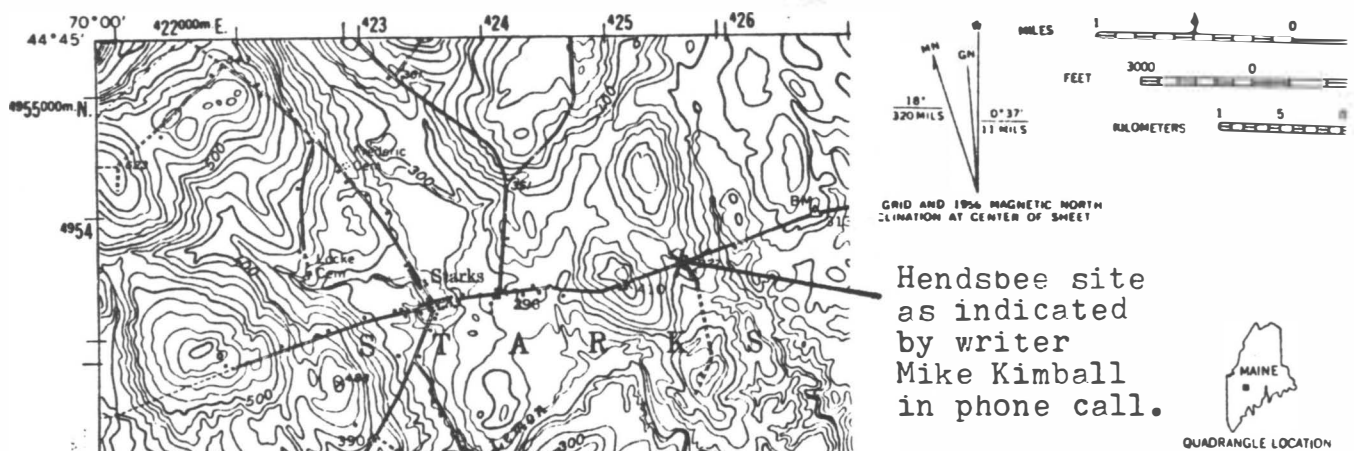
Indeed, there is the probability that the Hendsbees also saw Venus while traveling west, initially, towards their restaurant destination. It was upon their return, at about 7 pm, that they experienced the blinding light that was so bright it also illuminated the surrounding woods and forced them to return home by a roundabout route.

It is clear that the Hendsbee's report can not be dismissed as anything conventional.

The sensation-oriented tabloid, Weekly World News, slanted their report of the Starks affair to imply that the same phenomenon witnessed by the Hendsbees was responsible for the death of 24-year-old Kimberley Landry, whose car ran off the road in Mercer, five miles from Starks, that same evening at 11:30 pm. The car's speedometer was apparently frozen at 91 mph.

Kimball learned that the UFO connection was attempted by Landry's former husband who had found her bloodstained sunglasses at the crash site, and inferred that she had been wearing them at the time of the crash. What was not generally reported was that a police analysis of the young woman's blood indicated an alcoholic content that, combined with the high speed at which she was apparently travelling, made it likely that the accident was her own fault; with no mysterious elements involved.

If this case proves anything, it is that nothing can replace objective on-site investigations of UFO reports. While this guarantees nothing, it can prevent rumor, misinterpretation and self-deception, things that are all too common in the field of UFO research.



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THE VARIETIES OF UFO EXPERIENCE: EXCERPTS FROM TWO LETTERS

by Joe Nyman

Over the years, investigators of the UFO phenomenon have been asked many questions about what they have found, by an enquiring public. To my mind, one of the most presumptuous of these has been, "Why don't they make contact?"; as if the intelligence behind the phenomenon (if intelligence it be) was merely a reflection of the human intelligence with all its foibles and neuroses dressed up in a different bodily covering and bent on the same interplanetary mission that we imagine ourselves to be embarking upon in the not too distant future.

I am sure that most, if not all, investigators shared that same presumption. In fact it must have been the motivating force behind many decisions to become involved in the race to be the first to prove to a world, eager to bestow its gratitude, that the United Confederation of Space Brothers, or some such equivalent, was indeed ready to be taken to our leader.

I am also sure that the entire mind-set accompanying that feeling was instrumental in how the phenomenon was reported to those who believed by those who collected and investigated. And so the puzzle persisted and grew: lights in the sky, close approaches, landings, little men in diving suits, etc. Our leaders, I feel certain, were growing impatient; how long would they have to wait before someone or something was taken to them?

Well, I hope my readers will not take me wrong. I don't mean to imply that nocturnal lights, etc. are not part of the phenomenon, but it has become more and more clear with the work of Bloecher, Clamar, and Hopkins, and those others whose investigative findings paralleled theirs, that "THEY" were indeed making "contact" but on a level that had the effect of leaving, for the most part, nightmare and trauma in its wake for those that got the "handshake" from "outer space".

Unfortunately, we still have only a murky view of how "THEY" are relating to us, and no idea of how to answer the great philosophical question "Why?", in spite of reassurances that the Age of Aquarius and other transcendent wonders are our heritage. Even though I live in Massachusetts, I'm from Missouri on this one.

I would like to continue making the point here that the strain of the unanticipated, unremembered "snatch" is probably with us in numbers whose magnitude may be truly eye opening. The following two letters are merely pointers to an iceberg whose tip has only dimly been perceived; but it is in experiences like these that I believe is the marrow of the UFO experience.

LETTER 1: excerpt courtesy of Linda Seal from her cousin Brooke Cook.
(the year of the event is 1980)

D. and his wife left Denver to return home, about 25 miles from Denver. They left Denver about 11:45 PM, and this was Saturday, Halloween weekend. He always drove up through Arvada and this night decided to take the interstate (I-25). I-25 takes him to 119 and he went west on 119 about a mile to get into Longmont, which is about 7 miles off the highway that way. He first saw what he thought to be a dead skunk in the middle of the road and he swerved a little to avoid running over it. This is when his car engine and lights began to malfunction. He saw a blue/blue-green light come down around the car and fill up the inside of the car. It was very bright but heard nothing and saw nothing. He could see through this light even though it was bright enough to read by. He did remember looking in his rear view mirror and seeing the headlights of another car about 3/4 mile behind him and he remembers seeing lights in homes off in the distance (this is a country road). The next thing he was aware of was the rear end of his car was suspended about 2-3 feet in the air and he and his wife were slightly leaning forward. He could feel the car's end coming down. He said his first thought was, 'Gee, I wonder if we lost time'. This surprised him as he has never had an interest in this phenomenon. He then said to his wife, 'What time is it?' and she said, 'It is 1:25AM'. This trip is no more than 45 minutes in rough conditions and this was a clear night and no traffic and no weather. They didn't speak to each other and he drove into Longmont and realized he needed some cigarettes and pulled into a gas station. He got out and found he had no equilibrium and walked side ways into the gas station window. This made him feel like a fool and he said that it kind of snapped him back to reality. He got his cigarettes and got in the car and asked his wife if she was OK. She said yes. They then agreed something had happened but didn't discuss it. They got home and went to bed. It took him a week to find some one to talk to and it was me he finally located. He had no idea where to find someone to talk to and that process is interesting. He didn't want to talk to anyone. He just wanted to forget the whole mess, but couldn't. So when I answered my phone he was not too sure about himself or, for certain, me, a total stranger.

He came to trust me immediately and the following two weeks manifested some more incredible "side effects", if you will. Rather than relate all this through our conversations and visits, I will list the occurrences. His wife told him she thought she was pregnant and the reason she told him before she found out for sure is, she got home the night of the incident and went into the bathroom to examine herself as she had the recurring thought, 'I wonder if I told them to go easy with me because I might be pregnant?'. She found a red triangle shaped mark on her lower abdomen. She is very unsure of why she would tell 'them' to go easy.

He drove into work one AM and got the 'crazy' message that he could heal. Twelve hours later he discovered his melanoma (skin cancer) on his thigh and hip was completely healed (documented by physician, at my request, that he had melanoma). He then undertook regression with a personal friend of mine, a clinical psychologist in the UFO field for 30 years and a member of CUFOS....

LETTER 2: dated April 11, 1975, courtesy of Brent Raynes (writer confidential)

Experience 1/ Place, suburb of Orlando, Florida, in a shack-type home. The duration is unknown. It started very late at night. I was drawn out of a deep sleep by some attracting high pitched hum. Looking out a window after guessing what had awakened me, I saw an object that is termed today as an Unidentified Flying Object! It was hovering over a house sideways to us. It was egg shaped with nothing special about it except a glowing bright white light it was emitting. At times it would emit a little blue light as it moved closer towards our house, but never closer than about fifty to sixty feet. I seemed to feel a part of myself attracted towards it! But another part which is obvious, was fear of bodily harm.

I, at the time, was only a kid, but the memory of that event and forcing myself to go to sleep and forget. I can never really, except to become more interested in the subject matter of UFOs.

Experience 2/ August of 1966, while moving from an area farther from Orlando, a place called Lake Mary Jane. I was going back to the house we had moved out of to get something I forgot, a book, was the reason, but when I came to the house I remembered that I did not forget anything (this area was very uninhabited and enough to make a ghost story or two). So, I returned to catch up with the stationwagon with my mother and two sisters, when, if by real shock, time seemed to slow down. I did too, but I was able to think separate from what was going on physically, but I didn't have the slightest notion why.

It seems far fetched, but, anyhow, as things slowed up I saw what looked like a fog in some bushes and trees (with some sparkling light taking shape). It took shape as a man about the same distance away as the UFO was at the time. This person, or whatever, held out its hands and spoke to me in a warm and gentle voice saying be calm. I became calm and this person seemed to look right through me, until after a little while, time backlashed and reclaimed what had past {sic} in a swift motion.

Regaining myself, I started back to the car only to get in and shiver with fear, which no one can understand but me. Brent, remember, I was at this time, eleven, and had no knowledge of telepathy which was used when being spoken to....

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SEARCHING FOR PATTERNS IN EM UFO SIGHTINGS

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Though much excitement has resulted from the controversial photos, radar echoes, traces, and meager remains associated with UFOs, there is no undisputed evidence to support the extraterrestrial intelligence hypothesis. In fact, there are some who contend that the evidence brought forth in support of "real" UFOs is tenuous at best, and that the entire UFO phenomenon is a myth.

Incontrovertible evidence -- an extraordinary sample -- is necessary to prove the extraterrestrial hypothesis. Until then, secondary or indirect evidence is still essential to the extraterrestrial hypothesis, even if we merely wish to promote the idea as viable.

If we are dealing with extraterrestrials we can expect an examination of the reports to betray an intelligence at work. The purpose of this project is to do just that; to examine reports already on file in search of reflections of intelligence.

Assuming UFOs are artificial craft, they would be designed to perform specific functions in a characteristic manner. Assuming more than one type of craft, individual models would be designed to perform in their own particular fashion. In the end, if we are dealing with extraterrestrials it must be possible to correlate certain activities or certain environmental effects with a given type UFO. If we cannot correlate UFOs with their function, we should not be surprised if the extraterrestrial hypothesis is not taken seriously.

James McCampbell, MUFON Research Director, believes the glow reported to surround some UFOs is stimulated by microwave energy. He believes this microwave energy is somehow related to UFO propulsion and that this same microwave energy is responsible for the reported interference with engines and electrical appliances (EM effect). If such is the case, it might be possible to link each report of an EM effect with a glowing UFO. This glow should be especially visible at night, so perhaps we can pin at least one function (EM effect) to one type of UFO (glowing).

It is conceivable that EM effects might be manifest only under specific conditions; i.e. a minimum altitude or distance, a certain size or shape UFO, a particular kind of affected appliance, etc. Therefore, items of interest from EM reports include the following:

- the shape of the UFO
- the angular size of the object at the point of EM effect
- the altitude of the object at the point of EM effect
- estimated distance from the appliance affected
- did the object glow?
- if yes, what color(s)?
- the type of appliance affected
- a brief description of the nature of the effects

In any study of this nature it is imperative that the data be of the highest caliber. Ideally, data should be generated under strictly controlled conditions by those who initiate the study. However, the UFO phenomenon, being the elusive creature that it is, does not allow one to generate data under controlled conditions. The next best thing would be original documentation collected by field investigation. Thus, I began this study by requesting data from almost 150 MUFON State Directors, State Section Directors and other MUFON representatives.

Using MUFON sighting forms 1 and 3 would, I hoped, assure complete and accurate information gathered by firsthand investigation.

The response I received from MUFON people was surprising. All were interested in helping, however most had not received any EM sighting reports.

My suspicions, that EM sightings are extremely infrequent, are confirmed by Mark Rodeghier of the Center for UFO Studies (CUFOS). He has recently published his own paper on the EM phenomenon titled, "UFO Reports Involving Vehicle Interference" (1). In the course of his work he found that, "only about fifteen events are recorded per year, on the average..." (2).

The rarity of EM sightings left me lacking in original documentation. As a result, I incorporated a considerable amount of information from the sightings catalog published in Rodeghier's work into my own study. Equally important contributions of EM sightings came from:

- A Preliminary Catalog of Australian Vehicle Interference UFO Cases (3)
- Passport to Magonia (4)
- The UFO Evidence (5)

Happily, I did receive information on twelve additional sightings; five of these were documented on MUFON forms.

Much of the above information would have been unavailable to me had it not been generously sent in by MUFON members.

EM EFFECTS AS A FUNCTION OF GLOWING UFOS

My first step in determining the role of the glowing UFO was to separate those objects that glowed from those that did not. A UFO was labeled "glowing" if the witness used terms such as, "glowing", "luminescent", "fluorescent", "phosphorescent", "fiery", "ball of light", etc., in the description. A UFO was also placed in the "glowing" category if it was described as a "light" so long as it was clear this "light" was not carried as part of the "navigational" lights of a larger, non-glowing, UFO. In numerous instances the descriptions were either so ambiguous or so brief that it was not clear whether the object glowed or not. These UFOs belong to the "unclear" category. Obviously, this system is not error free. Lacking original documentation, it is the best method available. It should be noted that a considerable majority of sightings were made at night, when the glow of UFOs is not strongly correlated with the effect. In fact, the numbers show that non-glowing UFOs are almost as likely to create interference as the glowing objects.

While the data does not point to the glow as the sole source of EM effect, the possibility remains that it might be part of a system of multiple mechanisms for EM effect (6). Taking this into account, I continued to treat glowing UFOs as a separate class while tabulating data on size, distance and altitude. If glowing and non-glowing UFOs use separate EM effect mechanisms, this might be reflected by differing parameters for the two classes of UFOs.

EM EFFECT AND DISTANCE

The distance tables for glowing and non-glowing UFOs generally follow the same pattern. There is a marked tendency for the EM effect to occur within 200 feet of the witness and his machinery. And a majority of the sightings occur within the close encounter range defined by Hynek (7). However, the distance at which EM effects can occur is highly variable, and in several instances, is greater than 2200 feet. Why UFOs show a "preference" for distances within a couple of hundred feet but are not always within those distances, is not clear. In any case, there are no significant differences between the glowing and non-glowing UFOs where distance is concerned.

Assuming microwave energy radiated from a UFO creates the EM effect it seems reasonable to expect the severity of the interference to be a function of distance; however, this is not so. For example, on February 9, 1962, a UFO at 60 feet only partially interrupted an engine while another engine at the same distance, on October 20, 1954, completely failed. Both of these sightings occurred at night when motorists would be using headlights, however, no effects were reported on the headlights. Yet, on November 3, 1957 the engine and lights of an auto failed at a distance of a quarter mile (1320 feet). In addition, consider the case of December 1959 where, at a distance of 1/4 mile, a UFO was said to affect the radio and dim the headlights of a vehicle while the engine continued to run.

Pursuing the multiple mechanism line of reasoning, it would be logical to assume that the relationship between distance and intensity varies depending on whether the UFO was glowing or non-glowing. Unfortunately, this too is incorrect. All the objects mentioned above glowed.

The above incidents were picked at random from Rodeghier's catalog but a search of the literature will reveal other incidents to illustrate this point.

Thanks to the work of MUFON-Central European Section, we can double check our figures on EM effect and distance. Adolf Schneider and MUFON-CES have compiled a catalog, apparently computerized, of 1165 EM and "gravity" effect reports (8). Encoded for each entry is information on the date, time, and location of the sighting; the witness(es) name(s); source of information; information on the exact nature of the effects; and information on other features of interest in the UFO reports. Unfortunately, information on glow, or lack of glow from a UFO is not recorded. Therefore, the data from MUFON-CES was not incorporated in this report. However, it does make an excellent source for distances reported for EM-UFOs.

Table IV is a plot of distances reported in the MUFON-CES catalog, and it corroborates the tendencies previously noted.

EM EFFECT AND ALTITUDE

The UFOs displayed a marked "preference" for an altitude of ground level or just a few feet above. Yet, here again, the UFOs were not confined to these altitudes. And again, the pattern was the same for both glowing and non-glowing UFOs.

EM EFFECT AND SIZE

It is in comparing the sizes of the glowing and the non-glowing UFOs that the only apparent difference surfaces between the two groups. There was an obvious tendency for glowing UFOs to have their largest reported dimension at about 16 feet or less, while the non-glowing UFOs were conspicuously rare below the 16 foot diameter.

Rodeghier noted this peculiarity in his Vehicle Interference catalog and tentatively suggests that an as yet unknown natural phenomenon has slipped in with UFOs that otherwise appear quite unnatural.

Whatever the reason for this discrepancy in size it is quite interesting to note that the glowing UFOs, despite their smaller size, still create havoc at the same distances as the larger UFOs. In fact, as table IX shows, the distance at which the EM effect occurs is not at all dependent on UFO size.

For both groups, a considerable majority of the UFOs are not larger than 100 feet in size. However, there are a few two-hundred-footers in the sample conspiring to befuddle us.

SHAPE OF UFO

One of the factors to consider in a study of the EM effect is the shape of the UFO. It is generally well known that the most common shape reported for UFOs is the disc and variations (eg. convex and double convex disc). Other equally common shapes reported for UFOs seem to be round and ovoid objects, which many believe simply describes discs from different angles (and this has been borne out by witnesses who observe their UFOs from several different angles). Other, less common shapes include the dome, egg-shape, and cylinder. On rare occasion diamond and other shapes are reported. Rodeghier, in his Vehicle Interference, has generated statistics that confirm the above (10).

In my study of glowing versus non-glowing UFOs, I compared shapes reported for the two types of objects. The shapes reported for each group reinforced what has already been observed in UFO shapes; no difference was noted between the shapes of glowing and non-glowing UFOs.

COLOR AND EM EFFECT

So far, no strong correlation has been found linking distance to EM effect. However, there remains one more factor to consider: color.

McC Campbell has suggested that the various colors reported for the glow of UFOs are created by the ionization of certain atmospheric gases at specific frequencies. Under these conditions, the colors of the glow represent gases excited to the point of luminosity. Thus, one might expect each color reported for the glowing UFOs to have its own range of effectiveness.

Table X represents sightings of glowing UFOs where both color and distance were reported. In cases where a combination of the primary colors are reported, a point is assigned for each color.

Note how few reports document both the color of the UFO and its distance. There really is not enough data available to draw conclusions; but the sparse data that is available gives no indication that color is a factor in EM effect.

EM-UFOs VERSUS EM-IFOs

"A collection of EM reports can be divided into UFO and IFO groups... The unidentified EM reports can be examined for the correlations mentioned previously, and the IFO group can serve as a control... If identical patterns in appearance and behavior surface in both the control and UFO groups, then witnesses may be "reading" information reported of the UFO phenomenon into ordinary events. This would be a matter of sociological interest... If neither of the two groups show any patterns in behavior and appearance it would seem no intelligence is reflected in these reports. Perhaps it does not exist; or perhaps investigators are not doing a good job of separating the IFOs from the UFOs."

The above excerpt comes from a project proposal I drew up when I first began planning this study.

The question is, where does one find IFO reports? Understandably, there is a reluctance among researchers to circulate known IFO reports. I regret not having specifically requested UFO and IFO reports from MUFON representatives. However, one ready source of IFO reports comes to mind: the files of Project Bluebook. These files are now open to the general public at the National Archives in Washington, D.C.

Merely locating the EM reports in Bluebook's massive 13,000 sighting compilations can be a project in itself. Thankfully, Rodeghier was able to provide a UFOCAT printout of 570 EM incidents. I counted 46 where Bluebook was listed as a source for the report. While looking up these 46 sightings in the Air Force files, I found five of the reports were retained on file but were not documented or investigated by the Air Force at all. Seven of the reports were not thoroughly investigated and were given the label "Insufficient Data".

One sighting remains officially listed as "Pending Investigation" though the Air Force closed Project Bluebook in the late '60s. Sixteen of the reports are IFOs, i.e., "explained" reports. However, I must caution that the Air Force "explained" many of these sightings after conducting only a cursory investigation (their desire to rid themselves of the irksome UFO was obvious). In fact, some UFO sightings were "explained" without any evidence of investigation at all. Despite this, eight of the sightings remain officially "unidentified" (let's hope they applied this label a bit more judiciously).

For three incidents included in the UFOCAT printout, I could find no mention of a disruption of appliances or vehicles. One of these incidents involved a UFO which was said to have caused water to freeze; as such, it seems best placed with a separate class of effects.

I was unable to locate six of the sightings listed in UFOCAT. These may have been misplaced or filed out of sequence (a quick look at Bluebook's index of sightings reveals an astonishing number of cases are listed as "Missing").

The apparent carelessness with which Air Force personnel conducted their investigations makes IFO/UFO divisions an exercise in futility. Nonetheless, I have separated Bluebook EM-UFOs from Bluebook EM-IFOs and displayed the information in Table XI.

CONCLUDING REMARKS

The inability to correlate EM effects with glowing UFOs does not necessarily negate microwave energy as a source of EM effect. It does tell us that the glow of the UFO does not betray the onset of electromagnetic disturbances. We must look for some other tag to trace the source of these events.

The difficulty encountered in determining precise altitude, distance and size parameters for these events may lie in the tendency of some witnesses to make wild guesses. For future studies to be meaningful, we must instruct the witnesses to report altitude and distance using reference points in their surroundings so that exact measurements can be made during investigations. The close encounter nature of this phenomenon makes reference points especially easy to use. We must also encourage them to gauge angular (i.e., apparent) sizes. With accurate angular size and distance estimates, we can determine precise true sizes.

Increased accuracy might also result if witnesses gave altitude estimates in degrees above the horizon rather than feet or meter units. In addition, investigators must be sure to take advantage of triangulation methods whenever possible. A new emphasis on greater accuracy and standardization in documentation could significantly alter future parameters for EM interference.

One singularly important factor affecting the results of this study is the reliance on sightings catalogs for data. The catalogs are not designed to provide sighting information that is critical to this study, and there is no way of knowing how much the events of a given sighting have been simplified to save space. Future studies would do better to avoid relying on catalogs for raw data wherever possible.

Furthermore, if definitive progress is going to be made with the study of EM reports, we must make headway on lab studies to determine what mechanisms (beyond internal malfunction) will interfere with specific kinds of machinery, under what conditions and in what ways. This is not news. Others long before this have already encouraged such research.

Finally, let me reiterate that if we are dealing with extra-terrestrials, it should be possible to define UFO types and their function, as well as outline their operating procedures. And, while research along these lines is not a substitute for samples from the UFOs, it is an important area that should not be overlooked.

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BLUEBOOK IFOs

DATE/TIME	GLOW	COLOR OF GLOW	SIZE	DISTANCE	ALTITUDE	EFFECT
11/02/57-2250	?	--	200ft	300ft	N/S	car engine/headlights
11/02/57-?	NO	--	34ft	100ft	8ft	headlights failed
11/03/57-0005	YES	WHITE	unkn	unkn	N/S	engine/lights/radio
11/04/57-?	NO	--	237ft	15840ft	8849ft	radio faded/engine slow
11/05/57-?	NO	--	100ft	60ft	GROUND	car engine failed
11/05/57-?	YES	WHITE	60ft	600ft	50ft	radio/engine/lights
08/22/57-2140	NO	--	50ft	N/S	10ft	car engine failed
11/09/57-0015	YES	BLUE	150ft	1000ft	1000ft	car engine/headlights
04/27/64-?	YES	GREEN	25ft	N/S	100ft	car engine failed
05/24/64-?	YES	YELLOW	2ft	5ft	N/S	car engine failed
06/28/64-?	NO	--	N/S	N/S	N/S	car slowed down
12/21/64-?	YES	N/S	125ft	300ft	GROUND	car engine stalled
08/03/65-?	NO	--	30ft	50ft	N/S	two-way radio failed
10/65/23-?	?	--	10ft	N/S	GROUND	engine/headlights failed
01/07/66-?	NO	--	10ft	20ft	5ft	watch failed
04/01/66-?	YES	GREEN	N/S	N/S	30ft	car electrical sys.

BLUEBOOK UFOs

DATE/TIME	GLOW	COLOR OF GLOW	SIZE	DISTANCE	ALTITUDE	EFFECT
01/23/65-0840	YES	RED and BLUE	70ft	N/S	4ft	car engine failed
08/19/66-?	YES	WHITE	30ft	250ft	10ft	radio static
11/28/66-?	NO	--	10ft	18ft	GROUND	radio static
07/10/67-?	NO	--	N/S	N/S	200ft	car radio/engine fail
04/03/68-?	YES	RED	N/S	40ft	40ft	car engine/electrical
11/23/68-?	YES	MULTICOLORED	5ft	200ft	50ft	engine failure/radio sta

In addition, here are two objects labeled IFO in the Austrailian sightings catalog...

May 18, '73	YES	N/S	N/S	N/S	N/S	difficulty with engine
Mar.17, '74	YES	YELLOW/GREEN	unkn	unkn	GROUND	engine failure

NOTES FOR TABLES .

The totals for each source listed in table I will not agree with the total number of sightings documented per source. Duplicate sightings (i.e. one sighting reported by several sources) were (hopefully) eliminated.

All units of measurement were converted to feet for the purpose of plotting these frequency diagrams.

In addition, figures for distance, altitude, and size were rounded to the closest interval displayed on the graph.

Distance, altitude, and size were often not stated. Therefore, the X's on the charts do not agree with the totals indicated on table I.

True sizes were calculated if angular size and distance estimates were given.

True altitudes were calculated if figures for distance and degrees above the horizon were reported.

Wherever possible, size, distance, and altitude figures were obtained for the point at which the EM effect was said to have occurred. However, most of the time only one figure for each of these factors was stated, usually for the point of closest approach. Therefore, I have substituted the closest approach figures in many instances. This seems appropriate since in numerous instances the closest approach is the point at which the EM effect takes hold.

TABLE I: EM REPORTS

Source	# Glowing	# Non-Glowing	# Unclear
Vehicle Interference	183	146	137
Passport to Eagonia	27	26	17
Evidence	15	1	90
Austrailian Catalog	32	10	13
Misc. Sightings	7	4	1

EM Effect and Distance
Glowing UFOs

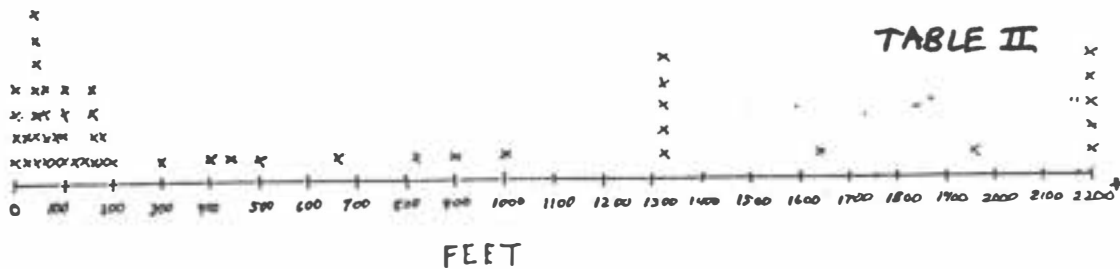
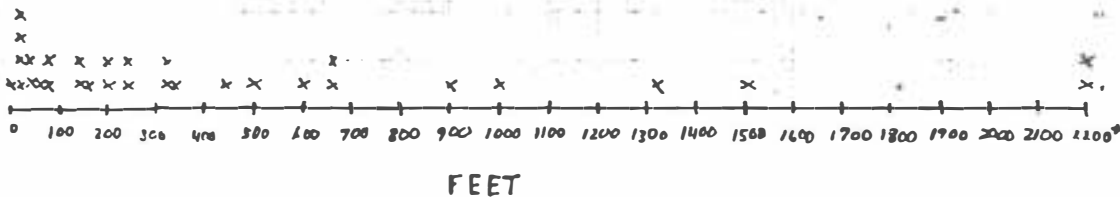
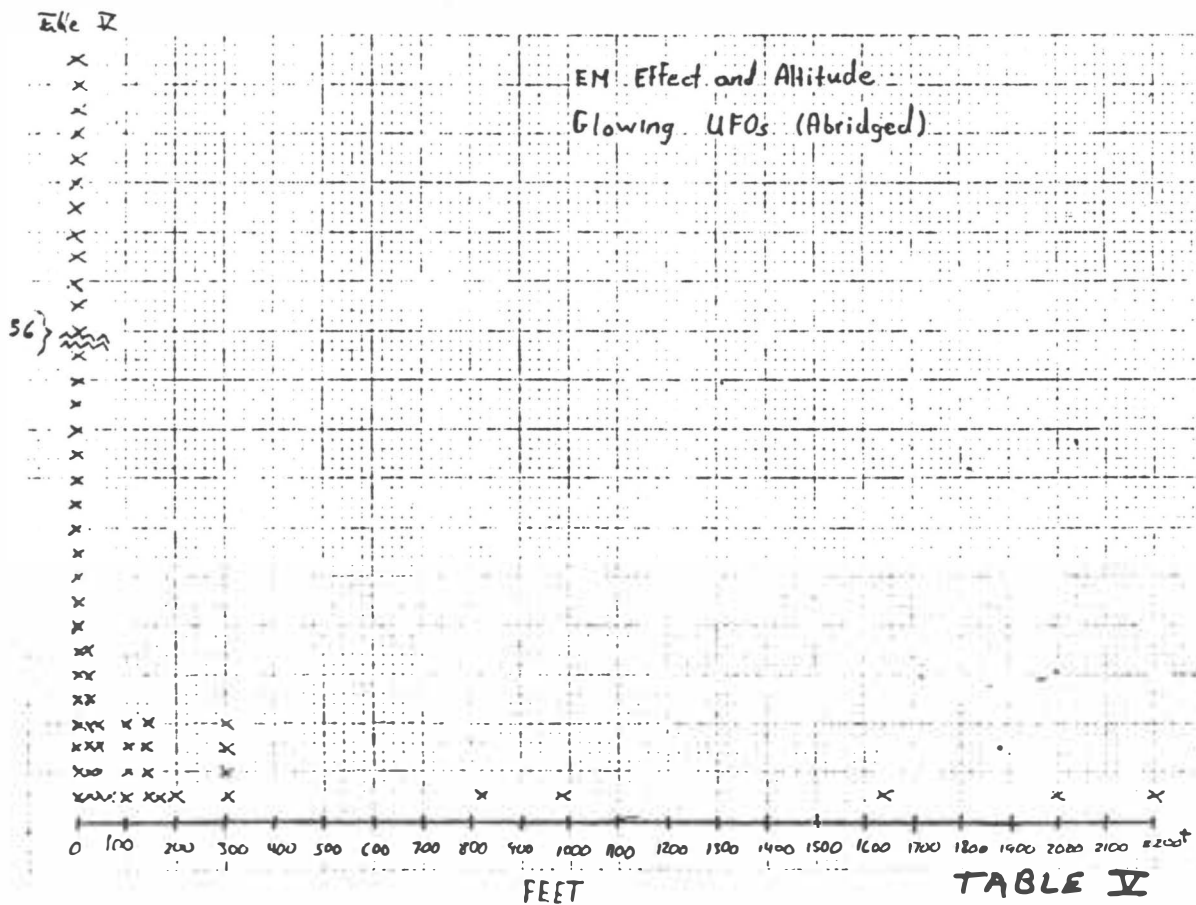
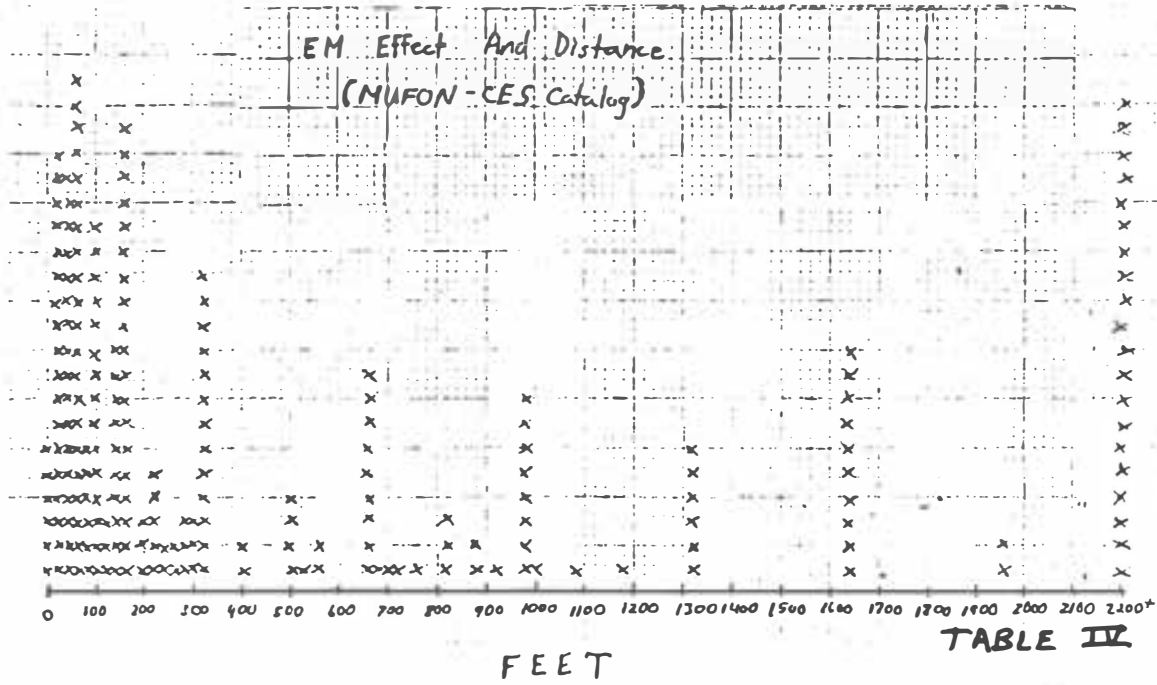


Table III

EM Effect and Distance
Non-Glowing UFOs

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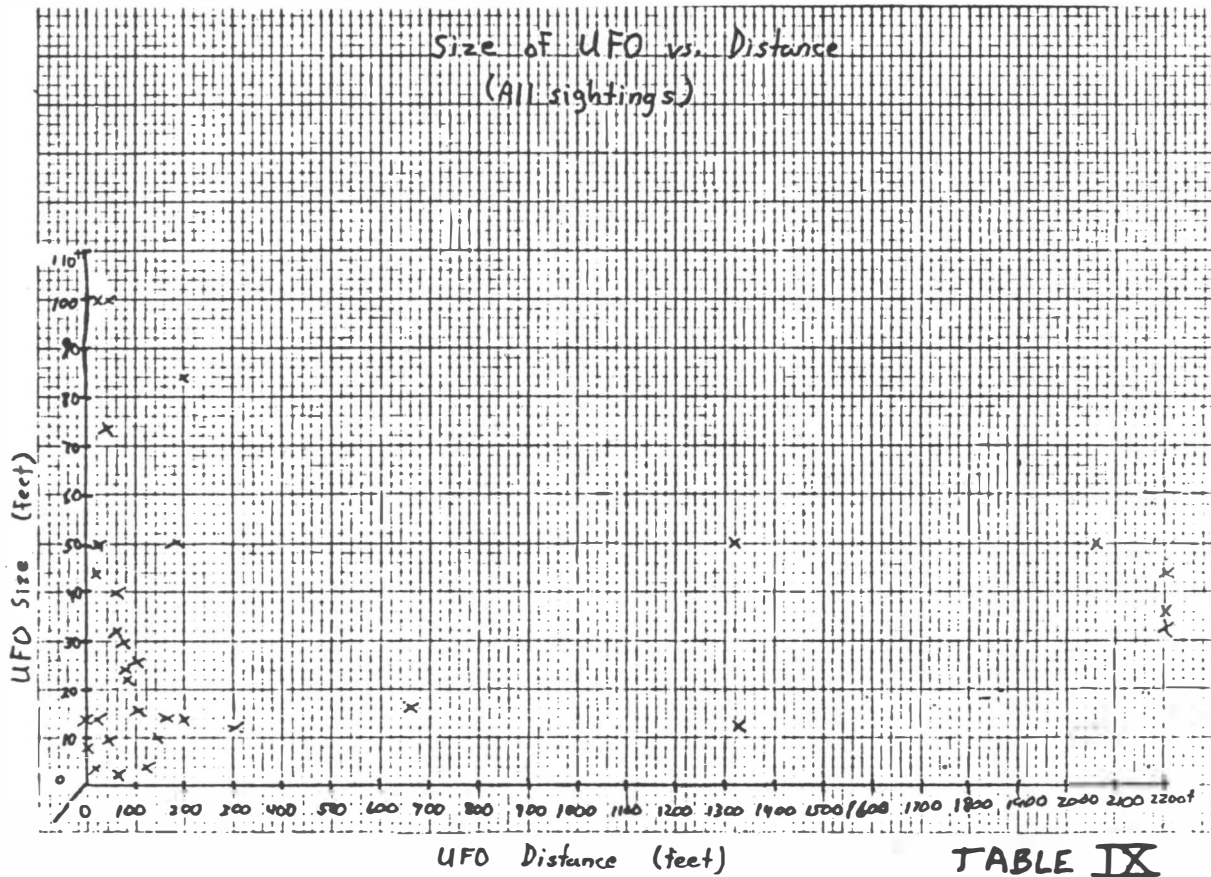


TABLE IX

Color key

Red = ▲
Orange = ●
Yellow = ■
White = x
Blue = ✓
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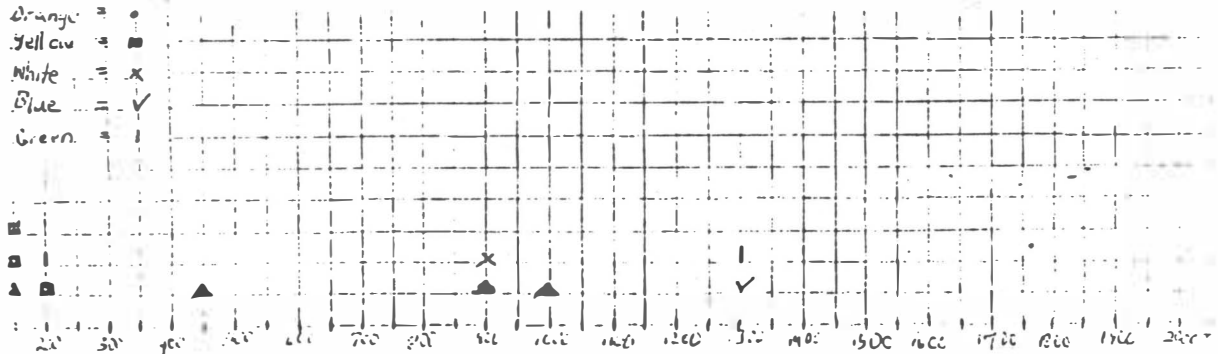


TABLE X

October, 1982

NOTICE: SUSPENSION OF PUBLICATION

Dear Reader,

Regrettably, with the September 1982 issue, the New England UFO Newsletter will suspend publication for an indefinite period.

This has been brought about by long neglected personal and family obligations and work requirements of the editor.

Having searched without success for someone to take over a share of the tasks required in newsletter production, I have found the only remaining alternative is to suspend publishing.

Those with unexpired subscriptions will find enclosed a check for a refund on their remaining issues.

Thank you for your continuing interest.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Joe Hyman". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the typed name "Joe Hyman".